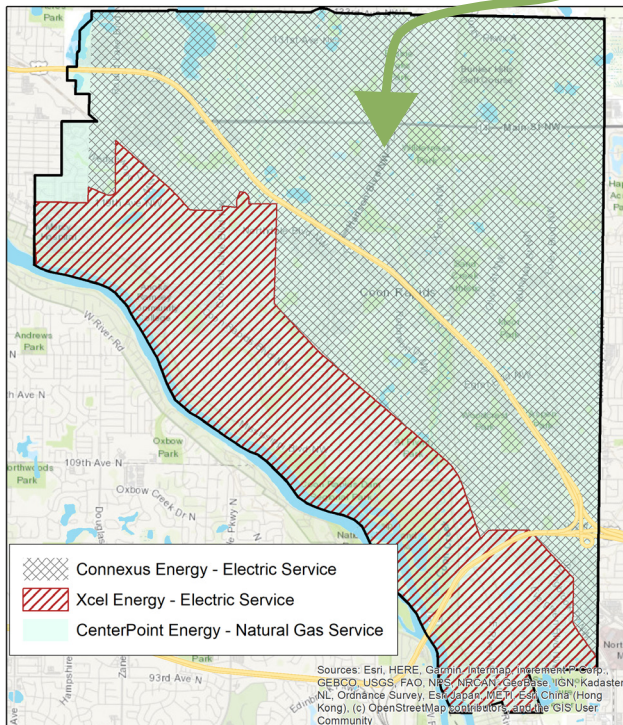


Coon Rapids Guide to Clean Energy and Savings

1 Do You Know Your Utility Provider?

As a Coon Rapids resident, your electric provider is either Xcel Energy or Connexus Energy®, and your natural gas provider is CenterPoint Energy.



2 Start with a Home Energy Saving Visit

Schedule a visit from the Home Energy Squad® to learn how to increase your home's energy efficiency year-round. Coon Rapids offers free or discounted visits to residents! All Coon Rapids residents are eligible to sign up for a Home Energy Squad® visit. Sign up at xcelenergy.com/HomeEnergySquad.

3 Save More with Rebates and Programs

You can save on lighting, appliances, and heating and cooling costs when you upgrade to more energy-efficient equipment or participate in conservation programs. Find your utility's programs and start saving!



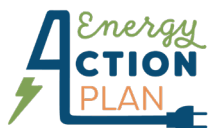
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Coon Rapids and Xcel Energy are pleased to work together to achieve our community energy goals.



Next Steps



Go Green with Renewable Energy

Learn how to support renewable energy by installing solar panels, and more.

Xcel Energy Customers:
xcelenergy.com/renewables
Connexus® Energy Members:
connexusenergy.com



Subscribe to Renewable Energy with no On-Site Equipment Needed

You can access renewable energy without the cost of rooftop solar! Subscribe to a local community solar garden or to one of your utility's subscription programs.

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Green Your Home's Energy Use

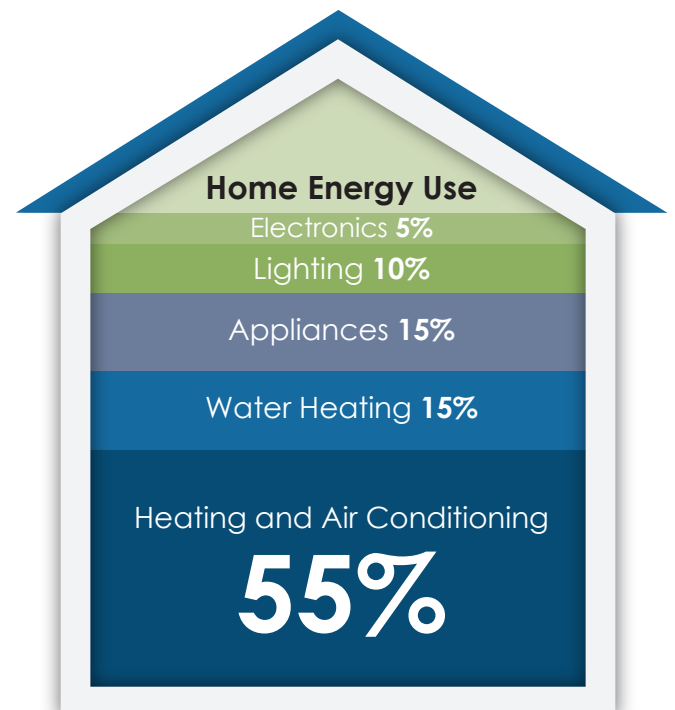
Make sure you are using energy wisely. Start with your insulation and air sealing to see if you can reduce your heating and cooling energy use. If you want to reduce your natural gas use further there are electric options for heating, water heating, dryers, and cooktop stoves. Utility bill costs could increase even with these options. Before proceeding, be sure to check if your home's wiring and electric breaker panel will need to be upgraded. Plan to have a back-up source of heating for those really cold winter days, such as a gas furnace.

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Learn more about home electrification in Minnesota from Electrify Everything at ElectrifyEverythingMN.org.

Tips to Save

- **Manage your thermostat:** Dialing back your home's temperature while you are away or asleep can help save energy. During these times, turn your thermostat back 7°F–10°F from its normal setting.
- **Unplug unused electronics:** Electronics like TVs, computers, and phone chargers still use electricity even when not in use. Unplug them or use a power strip you can turn off to avoid wasting energy.
- **Take a lighting tour:** Replace traditional light bulbs with LED bulbs to save on energy use. Think about which lights you use most often and replace those bulbs first!
- **Save on hot water:** Make sure to always wash with full loads of clothes and use cold water settings on your washing machine to save on hot water use.
- **Water your lawn sparingly and at low sun times of day:** 4am–10 am are the best times of day to water your lawn and 1 inch per week is sufficient. Don't waste water to evaporation, save water, energy, and keep your lawn healthy.



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